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Lies and Deceptions! Comical Alis of Sri Lanka

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*"I am not worried about the opinion of the Tamil people... now we cannot think of them, not about their lives or their opinion... the more you put pressure in the north, the happier the Sinhala people will be here... **Really if I starve the Tamils out, the Sinhala people will be happy.**"*

J.R.Jayawardene, Former President of Sri Lanka - *Daily Telegraph*, 11th July 1983

Young Tamil men and women are regularly taken in mysterious white vans, tortured, raped and sometime killed, while there in custody. Tamils are forced out of their homes and lands and made to live in open fields and in barbed wired camps. Food and medicine are regularly denied to Tamils and they are a let to die of starvation and diseases.

Those who live in the open fields are bombed and killed daily in hundreds. So called Sri Lankan safe zone for Tamils has become the killing fields of Sri Lanka. The country that was called as a paradise on earth has become a real hell. Demons of destruction are dancing in the lakes of blood. Rockets, shells, cluster bombs, phosphorous bombs and other dangerous weapons are used by the Sri Lankan forces to kill innocent Tamil civilians .In order to hide the truth from the international community, Sri Lankan government has cowardly barred reporters and journalists from entering the safe zone.

Tamils are treated as infidels by the majority Sinhala Buddhists. Buddhist extremism has gone to the extreme levels that more than six thousand innocent Tamils were killed and several thousands have been seriously wounded just within the last three months.

While killing hundreds of innocent Tamils daily, some of the ministers from the jumbo cabinet of Sri Lanka, travel around the world with their dry clean suites to convince the world that they are wiping our terrorism. They deny all the atrocities that are being committed against innocent children and women. Sri Lankan government is spending substantial amount of money to spread false propaganda in the western world to justify their actions.

Cat that drinks milk with closed eyes think that nobody is watching. Sri Lankan government doesn't understand that they can't keep on fooling the international community as the images of the dying Tamils are regularly sent to all over the world via satellites. Wide screens in the west are beginning to show the video clips of children and women running for their lives from cluster bombs.

No matter what these Comical Alis of Sri Lanka tell the world, facts will always speak the truth. I have been listening to some of the comments that are being repeated by the mouth pieces of the Sri Lankan government officials but found real contradictions between the ground realities and their statements.

As I did before, I went on the the streets of London and asked the Tamil people about what they think of these statements. There are more than three hundred thousands Tamils currently living in London and most of them have their closed relatives stuck in the killing fields of Sri Lanka. There represent the suffering masses in the so called safe zone and their views reflect the realities on the ground.

These are some of the controversial statements regularly made by the Sri Lankan government in the Western media. Are they really telling us the truth?

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Sri Lankan forces are not firing into the safe zone

Although reporters and journalists are not allowed into the war zone, there are still ICRC, local aid organizations and other Christian charities working

among the people. Deaths, that are taking place in the war zone are regularly documented with picture and video evidences and transmitted via the satellites to the outside world. Several web sites are regularly blogging and journaling the war crimes in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lankan government will not be able to escape from the crimes, it is committing against the innocent Tamils in Sri Lanka. Many Tamils who live outside Sri Lanka have lost their loved ones in the hands of the Sri Lankan forces. Evidences documented from the eye witnesses, fully suggests that Tamils are killed in hospitals, schools, tents, bunkers and open grounds by the rockets and shells fired by the Sri Lankan forces. They are also using cluster bombs and phosphorous bombs against innocent civilians.

We are liberating the people of Vanni from the clutches of LTTE

You can't just separate LTTE from the civilians. These civilians who are stuck in the war zone are mostly the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and children of those who are fighting at the front lines. Liberating the civilians from LTTE is completely an illogical statement. Tamils who lived with LTTE in Vanni all these years had more freedom than the ones who live in the other parts of the country under the Sri Lankan government.

Our friends and relatives in Vanni lived happily under the civil administration ran by the LTTE for six years. LTTE looked after the people well. They built colleges and hospitals. They built orphanages. They trained the youth in various fields. They respect all the religions therefore people had the freedom to worship in Churches, Temples and Mosques. They encouraged the school children do well in their studies. Crime rates were very low in Vanni. There was no corruption. Women were given the equal opportunities in every area.

LTTE was running a secular government just like the ones in the Western countries.

But the Tamils who live in areas that are controlled by the Sri Lankan government live with fear of abductions and torture. They have no freedom of speech. Churches are burned and Pastors are killed very often. Sri Lankan government is even trying to bring an anti conversion law to lock up Christian pastors in jails. Not just the Tamil journalists but even the Sinhala journalists and politicians who support the Tamils in their struggle are also kidnapped and killed.

Some Tamils did choose to go into the barbed wired camps run by the government not because they have any trust in the government. Sri Lankan government is deliberately preventing food and medicine reaching to the needy in the safe zone. Civilians are killed daily by bombs and shells. Some Tamils think that they might probably survive longer and get treatment for their wounds if they go and live in the camps. Many have later regretted of making this choice as there are reports of rape and murder in these notorious camps.

Trying to force the Tamils from the land of freedom into the land of bondage is not liberation. Sri Lankan forces are not liberating the Tamils from LTTE but they are just wiping out Tamils.

This is not a war of liberation but genocide in the disguise of Humanitarian operation.

We don't use food and medicine as the weapons of war

According the reports coming from the medical sources in Vanni, thousands of people could have been saved if they had the necessary treatments and medicine. Doctors still have to amputate hands and legs without anaesthesia under the trees. Caesarean operations are done without any pain relieves. Many are dying without antibiotics. People are shelled and killed even when they are lining up to collect food for their babies at the hospitals. Recent reports suggest that children are dying of malnutrition in Vanni. What else the Sri Lankan government has to say about these horrific crimes?

This is one of the greatest humanitarian operations in the 21st century

This is one of the greatest jokes by a democratic government who is wiping out a race from the face of this earth in the disguise of humanitarian operation and liberation. The man who is leading the military operation has

said to the Canadian media that Sri Lanka is the land of the Sinhalese and Tamils can only live only under their mercy. Unfortunately there is no more mercy left in the hearts of these military leaders so they have decided to eliminate Tamils.

Many Tamils are living happily in the South of Sri Lanka

Tamils living in any parts of Sri Lanka, live under the fear of intimidation, torture, rape, abduction and murder. Tamils are subjected to random arrests in the south of Sri Lanka and they are kept in prisons indefinitely without any charges. Tamils in Sri Lanka are treated like how Nazi Germany treated the Jewish people during the Second World War.

One of the main reasons why Tamils come to Colombo is because they use this as a base to leave the country. Passport office, high commissions and visa offices are located in Colombo. Colombo has the only international Airport in Sri Lanka. It is not always easier for people go abroad within a short period of time, therefore Tamils sometime have to live there for few years in lodges before getting the opportunity to leave the country. Tamils are sometime taken away from these lodges and forcefully sent to the North in buses by the Sri Lankan government.

The second reason for some of the Tamils living in Colombo is because most of the head offices of the government departments are located in Colombo. Those Tamils who work at these head offices have no alternatives but to live in Colombo. Tamils who live on Colombo never consider this city as their real home.

Most of the homes, schools and hospitals in the Northern and Eastern provinces of the Sri Lanka have been totally destroyed by the war. **Sri Lanka has dropped more bombs in the Tamil land than the ones that were dropped during the Vietnam war.** Most of the areas are no longer habitable because of land mines and unexploded bombs. Tamils living in the North and East are still murdered in masses by cluster bombs and shells.

Although Tamils are randomly arrested and taken away by security forces in the South, Government doesn't use cluster bombs and shells in these areas. If they were to use these weapons in the south, they would end up killing the Sinhala civilians as well, which they will never do.

This is the third reason why some Tamils choose to live in the south. Because the probability of getting killed in the North and East is much higher than in the South. This doesn't deny the fact that Tamils still live in fear of abductions, random arrests and extrajudicial killings in the south as well. In the past, many times Tamils living in the south were killed in Thousands and their properties were burned.

We are treating the IDPs well in the Camps

Those who come out of the safe zone are kept like prisoners in the barbed wired camps. People are not allowed to meet their relatives. Young men and women are filtered out and taken for questioning, but many of them don't return. Diseases are spreading inside the camps as the people don't have access to clean water. Many Tamils in these camps suffer from severe depression. Sri Lankan government very often conduct some pre arranged staged tours for the foreign diplomats and give a completely a wrong picture to the outside world. They will not be able to play these games forever

Some Tamil leaders are now joining us

There are few Tamil politicians dancing with the ruling government just for personal and selfish reasons. Tamil people don't support such politicians, but see them as betrayers of their own race. What such politicians speak doesn't reflect the views of ordinary Tamils in Sri Lanka. These hypocritical leaders can be compared to some of the Jewish leaders who deny the holocaust and western youth who join Al-Qaeda to become suicide bombers. We are so sure that the Western countries have now identified such leaders therefore they will not treat them as the representatives of Tamils.

We will destroy the LTTE completely

Firstly, LTTE are not just few thousands Tamils who carry guns and rocket launchers. LTTE has now evolved into a people organisation that is supported by millions of Tamils in Sri Lanka and overseas. It is no longer an armed group that you can defeat them with weapons. If the Sri Lankan government were to get rid of LTTE, they would have to kill all the Tamils in Sri Lanka and overseas which is not all a feasible option though they might succeed in killing the Tamils in Sri Lanka if the international community don't intervene. Instead of wasting money and efforts in killing the Tamils, Sri Lankan government should listen to the Tamils and give them the freedom to make their choice.

We have international support to defeat terrorism in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is now slowly breaking it's ties with the West because they don't like to be criticized for the worst human violations in the country. They are now maintaining close links with China, Iran, Libya, Pakistan and other countries that have poor records for human rights. Killing fields of Sri Lanka are functioning well with the help of cluster bombs, phosphorous bombs and other chemical weapons that are freely given by China, Pakistan and Iran.

Western countries have started to raise their voices against the Sri Lankan government for killing hundreds of innocent Tamils everyday. Sri Lanka has support only from China, Pakistan, Libya and Iran who are their current allies.

China is backing the war because eighty percent of the oil and minerals for China is transported via the seas of Sri Lanka. China has no enmity with the Tamils but they want to keep the Sinhala politicians happy so that they can secure their interests in the Indian Ocean. Pakistan is giving weapons in order to compete with India in the region. Iran wants to find a new friend in Sri Lanka. Countries that are part of the free world are now alienating themselves from Sri Lanka.

Many Tamils prefer to live with the Sinhalese

This is completely false, Tamils have gone through real hell in the hands of the Sinhala racist governments all these years. All that we desire is to live with freedom and dignity in their traditional homeland without being oppressed by another race.

These Tamil protesters in the west are trying to give a lifeline to LTTE, but they don't care about the innocent Tamils in Sri Lanka.

We Tamils who live in the west have loved ones dying in the killing fields of Sri Lanka. We are doing a sensible thing by protesting on the streets of Western cities. Western countries always give respect for the voice of the people. These countries know that millions of Tamils living in the foreign countries represent their own flesh suffering in Sri Lanka. Tamils believe that the greatest democracies in the West will definitely come for their rescue.

You can't separate LTTE and the people who live in the safe zone. These people have lived under the LTTE administration for more than six years. Most of them have their loved ones fighting at the front lines. Every one of them has contributed towards the freedom struggle. In theory the civilians in the safe zone are indeed part of LTTE therefore, you can't separate the people from LTTE.

We don't have any racial problems in Sri Lanka but LTTE is the real issue?

This does need much explanation. You can look back the history and see what happened to the Tamils all these years in Sri Lanka. LTTE came to the scene only thirty years ago after Tamils realised that they couldn't get freedom through democratic means. Tamils are being persecuted for more than sixty years. Dealing with the root cause is always the sensible way to resolve a problem than fighting with the symptoms.

LTTE has committed so many blunders and they are not the representatives of Tamils

LTTE didn't fall from the sky. They started with few members more than thirty years ago and now they have evolved into a people organisation that is capable of running a civil government for Tamils. They have proved it by doing it..

Nobody can deny that LTTE also made few mistakes and they have acknowledged it. Even the mature governments in the West sometime make mistakes but that doesn't disqualify them from governing the people. What is right and wrong can't always be defined in absolute terms because not everyone knows the bigger picture in which some of the decisions were made by LTTE.

Just because LTTE made few tactical mistakes in the early stages, you can't just write off them. Tamils never stopped supporting the LTTE. LTTE is the only Tamil liberation group that never deviated from its strategic objectives which is to get a separate state, so that Tamils can live with freedom and dignity without fear and intimidation.

Millions of Tamils, who have been protesting in the great cities of the world, is a proof that Tamils trust in LTTE but not in any other groups that work with the Sri Lankan government.

There are only Sixty Thousand civilians currently living in the safe zone

Sri Lankan government has been deliberately lying to the outside world about the number of civilians within the safe zone. Three months ago there were around 350000. 100000 have already left the safe zone which means there are still 250000 left there. But the government is telling the world that there are only 60000.

This brings real fears in the minds of the Tamil community that the Sri Lankan government is going mass murder Tamils and tell the world that they haven't done anything. There are reliable reports that the Sri Lankan forces have used chemical weapons against the rebels and civilians recently and killed more than six hundreds. Sri Lankan forces had even burned all the bodies of the victims therefore this has raised a real suspicion among the Tamils about the intention of Sri Lanka in lying to the world about the number of people in the safe zone.

Sri Lankan forces are one of the best in the world but LTTE are just Terrorists.

Compared to the Sri Lankan forces, LTTE has got a much disciplined conventional force that complies with Geneva conventions. For example LTTE treat the fallen government fighters with respect. But the Sri Lankan soldiers very often make fun of the fallen LTTE fighters.

In one particular instance, the Sri Lankan forces paraded the naked bodies of the women LTTE fighters in a busy Sinhala town. The world knows very well how the Sri Lankan forces were blamed for raping the women in Haiti while being engaged in the UN peace keeping mission.

In recent days there are very reliable reports that Sri Lankan forces are making the Tamil civilians to walk naked at the check points for few hundred meters. Sri Lankan soldiers are also involved in looting jewellery and valuables from the Tamil homes in Vanni and then selling these items in the South. How can such military be the best in the world?

LTTE is a terror group like Al-Qaeda

Actually this is the other way round. Al -Qaeda and Sri Lankan terror regimes

have many similarities. Al Qaeda are Muslim extremists who terrorize people in the name of Allah. They treat the non Muslims as infidels. Sinhala Buddhists treat Tamils as infidels the same way how Al-Qaeda treat the westerners.

Muslim extremists use Quran as their source of hatred and the Sinhalese in Sri Lanka have a holy book called Mahavamsa, a book with controversial writings, full of hatred towards the Tamils. Sri Lankan governments backed by the Sinhala Buddhist extremists have been killing Tamils for more than 60 years because the Buddhists in Sri Lanka delight in eliminating Tamils.

Sinhalese believe that they doing something great by following the hatred teachings and stories from their holy book. This book is very specific to Sri Lanka and not used by Buddhists in other countries. Buddhism in Sri Lanka is not the peaceful one that is preached by Dalia Lama in Tibet. One of the former prime ministers of Sri Lanka was assassinated by a Buddhist monk.

What we face in Sri Lanka is an internal issue therefore we don't want any interference from the outside world.

Sri Lankan government twists its tongues depending on what they want to achieve. It was indeed an internal issue but the Sri Lankan government has demonised the Tamil struggle by telling the world that Tamils are terrorists and they had links with Al-Qaeda. They did false propaganda all over the world by spending so much money to suppress the liberation struggle of Tamils.

They convinced the world that Tamils are terrorists and launched the 'War on Terror' game with the blessing of some countries. They are using this as an excuse for killing the Tamils in thousands.

As the international community begins to object what is really happening, the government of Sri Lanka now turns around and say that it is an internal issue. What is happening in Sri Lanka should be now seen as an international issue. China, Pakistan, Iran and Libya are fuelling the fire and have artificially strengthened the military muscles of Sri Lanka.

They are doing it for their own strategic interests and Tamils have become worse than animals in their eyes. China not allowing the Sri Lankan issue not being discussed in the Security council itself shows why this should now been seen as an international issue. UN should use the "Responsibility to Protect" act to save the Tamils from total annihilation.

LTTE uses violence therefore EU and the US shouldn't talk to them.

Sinhala Buddhists governments have been mass murdering Tamils for more than 60 years. They use abductions, extrajudicial killing, forced disappearances, torture, murder and rape to eliminate Tamils. When the Tamils tried to defend themselves through democratic means, Sri Lankan governments always responded with more and more violence.

Tamil rebels took up arms to defend the innocent Tamils from the Sinhala regimes. EU and the US are now beginning to see the impure motives of the Sri Lankan government. It is not the Tamils that are violent but the Sinhala governments who bomb and kill the innocent Tamils are the real offenders.

When Hitler killed the Jewish people, the free world declared war on fascism. UK, France and the US fought against the Nazis and brought freedom to many. Buddhist Sinhala regimes in Sri Lanka rule Tamils with the rod of terror. State terrorism backed by the racist Sinhala Buddhist leaders is taking the lives of so many thousands of Tamils every year. Defending the Tamils from this terror is not violence but it is a struggle for freedom.

If some nations have a policy of not speaking to those who use violence, they should stop speaking to the Sri Lankan government and start to listen to the Tamil community who are the real victims of state Terror.

We are fighting with the most ruthless Terrorist group in the world.

When a step father is abusing the children for a long time, the children will eventually begin to fight back. One child may cry, another one would shout to

protest and the one of them might one day take a hammer and hit him back on his head after years of abuse. If the social workers blame the child who is a real victim and to support the step father, he will continue to abuse and even start killing the children.

Sri Lankan government who is like a step father for Tamils has managed to convince the world to tie the hands of the Tamils so that he can continue to abuse them. Nations have now started to realise that they have been deceived by the Sri Lankan government.

What we are seeing in Sri Lanka is like a step father who is taking revenge on a child who had the guts to fight back. Sadly, it has taken quite a long time for many countries to see the real picture. But it is still not too late for the Nations to save the Tamils.

Real terrorists are not the Tamils but the Sinhala regimes who use their holy book called Mahavamsa to back their cruelty and injustice against Tamils.

Ceasefire agreement with Tamils failed because LTTE walked out of it

Sri Lankan government was putting a big show and pretending to the world that they were talking peace with tigers but in reality they were not willing to deal with the grievances of Tamils . For instance, Tamils requested the Sri Lankan government to withdraw its armed forces from churches, temples, hospitals and schools that are in the North and East. They wanted this to happen to create atmosphere, so that both parties can talk about the important issues.

Sri Lankan government was instead bringing more and more troops and arms to the Tamil areas for future battles while talking peace with Tigers. Sri Lankan government not showing any genuine commitment was the main reason why the ceasefire came to an end without any fruitful results.

We won't be able to talk to the LTTE unless they lay down their arms and surrender

LTTE took arms to defend the innocent Tamils from State terrorism. Tamils are sacrificing their lives not just for fun but they have legitimate grievances. Fighting for survival and freedom is a basic human instinct.

Tamils never trust in the Sinhala Buddhists governments. They have come a long way in their struggle against State oppression. It is completely irrational and illogical, that Sri Lankan government expects the LTTE to lay down their arms and surrender.

Tamils are not the inhabitants of Sri Lanka. They were brought by the British to work in Tea plantations.

Tamils in Sri Lanka are there for more than two thousands years. They always lived in their own nation until the British put them together with the Sinhala kingdom during their rule. Northern and Eastern parts of Sri Lanka represent the traditional home land of Tamils. They have their own culture, traditions and language. Tamils had their own constitution, rulers and kings. Tamils who work in the tea estates of Sri Lanka are different from the Tamils who live in the North and East of the country. It is the up country Tamils that were brought by the British, not the ones living in the North and East.

When Sri Lanka became independent, the majority Sinhalese were made to rule over the Tamils. As a rule of democracy it is the Sinhalese that come to power in each election as they are always the majority. The political party that oppresses the Tamils become more and more popular among the Sinhalese. Power hungry Sinhala leaders have tortured the Tamils all these years. Now they are doing false propaganda with lies and deceptions to deceive the international community to justify the mass murder of Tamils.

LTTE is using the civilians as human shield and they are not letting them to leave

This is one of the controversial issue often raised by the Sri Lankan leaders to justify their actions. If they are not letting the civilians to go, how the 65000 did leave that place despite the fact, this area is surrounded by an army of 50000 who are using multi barrel rockets and other heavy weapons constantly throughout the day. It is not that easy for the civilians to leave the area even if they are willing. 65000 had to suffer so much in hands of the security forces to get to the government controlled area. They are very often shot at and bombed by the Sri Lankan army.

If the LTTE is stopping the civilians how come several hundreds of elderly and the wounded are taken by ICRC ships every week? The fact of the matter is that many civilians who are stuck in the safe zone are the loved ones of those who is fighting at the front lines. These people know that they would have to endure torture and rape in the hands of the Sri Lanka forces if they ended up leaving the zone.

There were few isolated incidents that Sri Lankan armed forces that were standing outside the safe zone had fired at the Tamil civilians and killed them. They had even orchestrated suicide bombs using the paramilitaries working with the government forces. They finally blamed this all on LTTE. There also use the paramilitaries to shoot at the civilians escaping the safe zone

Sri Lankan authorities force the refugees in the IDP camps to talk against LTTE to the foreign media.. If the Sri Lankan authorities want to convince the world about these issues and if they have nothing to hide, why can't they let the reporters and journalists into the safe zone?

Tamils are dying inside the safe zone, outside the safe zone and all over Sri Lanka. LTTE is also not standing just within the safe zone but they have the combatants both in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The hype about finishing off the LTTE within the safe zone is drama played by the Sri Lankan government to wipe out Tamils from Sri Lanka.

LTTE is still forcefully recruiting under age children

During the cease fire period, the LTTE fully complied with the international laws by making sure that cadres are above 17 years old. In recent months, many Tamil families have been completely wiped out by this dirty war.

16 years old boy who witness his whole family being killed in front of him by bombs will not wait till he is 17 to fight for the unborn Tamil babies in the wombs. Times are difficult for the Tamils that even 16 years olds are also now joining the LTTE and they are doing a very sensible thing.

They way how things are going, LTTE may not in the future be able to comply with all the international treaties as the enemy is using dangerous chemical weapons against ordinary Tamils. LTTE has been so patient and still believing that the Nations would intervene and bring a political solution for the Tamils.

Conclusion

It is time we should stop listening to the Comical Alis of Sri Lanka and to start listening to the ordinary Tamils to find out what is really going on in Sri Lanka. We live in lands that give respect to the voice of the people and not to the voices coming from few arrogant leaders who are being responsible for the death of thousands in far away lands.

Let Tamils decide their own destiny!

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concerned

Thank you for highlighting every single lie spun by the Racist Sinhala Government and their stooges. You are the first reporter to really analyse each and every point and list the Tamil's oppinions and responses of them. If we did not have a legitimate concern for our loved ones do you think Tamils all over the world will take to the streets in hundreds of thousands every day - especially in this present economic crisis.

It is about time that the USELESS UN, Holmes (what an Ass), Ban Ki Moon and all other Western country's heads of state listen to the ordinary Tamils and let them decide instead of the so called Democratically elected govt(Only by the Sinhalese - as they are 75% of the population - the Tamils can never have any say in this) of Sri Lanka. When will this blood bath end?

p.s. Of course you are going to be labeled as an LTTE supporter for stating this simple fact by the paid Sinhalese mouth pieces and you will not be allowed into the county in future.....

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THANK YOU FOR REPORTING WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE!!

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Thanks a million, Richard. Never before have I read such a balanced view of the Sri Lankan situation. The price you pay will be to be labelled a Tiger supporter and never be let into

SINATHAMBAY The modern day Goebbels in Sri Lanka will be after you before long. Thanks again - you make me proud to be a Telegraph reader.

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THANK YOU RICHARD!!

It brings tears of joy to me that atleast one of you have the guts to tell the truth. God Bless. As mentioned here, you will now be hounded out as a LTTE sympathiser in their pay roll brain washed by LTTE propoganda. Now all we have to do is to wait for the SL govt apologists to come here and spout sanctimonious 'truths' about how the 'terrorist' LTTE is killing its own people and how sanctified, humane and glorious the SL govt is.

THANK YOU AGAIN. The truth will prevail and the hypocrites the world over who have been complicit in the mass murders of innocent Tamils will pay the price of their complicity in their own way. What goes around will always come around; maybe not immediately but eventually.

As long as Tamils are killed and not treated as equals, the LTTE will live on. THAT'S A FACT.

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gopi

Thanks Richard for bringing out the true situation in Sri lanka and the plight of the Tamils there. The lies of the Sri lankan State has to be exposed to the whole world. Truth will prevail.

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Lakshitha

Mr.Dixon, Now don't cry out of LTTE terrorists. USA, UK, EU are blind to ban LTTE and categorized as a terror outfit? Timed out for LTTE now. We Sri Lankans can manage our problems, do your own business. After centuries we got a golden opportunity to unite the country and we will rebuild this as a united nation. All Sinhala, Tamil, Muslims and others can live in harmony. Don't cry. too late for you.. :((Not sure whether this will be published). Lakshitha - Colombo

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Khalyan

My heartfelt gratitude for your article, above, Richard. Your time and efforts in getting across to the mass the reason why thousands of us Tamils have been demonstrating outside our parliament will go a long way in spreading our message.

Your article is comprehensive and informative. Hopefully now the public, who may have been somewhat disinterested with our peaceful demonstration will begin to see the fairness and legitimacy in what we ask for.

I, like many others, have been taking part in this protest and what you have said in your article gives us a sense of renewed confidence that our cries and screams are being heard.

Khalvan

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**Raul Joseph**

Richard,

Thank you for the brilliant and well balanced article. As for as the media is concerned, this is a forgotten war. There is very little coverage about this war. Within the last five months alone over 10,000 INNOCENT Tamil civilians have been slaughtered by the Sri Lankan security forces. Not only that, the Sri Lankan government is deliberately blocking food or medicine to these civilians. These civilians are suffering because they lived under the rebel held areas. Most of these are population are farmers and have been living there for long time. Even before rebels took over Vanni region. As far I am concern the Sri Lankan state is punishing them because they live under the rebels. These are crimes against humanity!

The Sri Lankan government began Vanni operation by kicking out all the NGOs working in the region. Their fear was these NGO would tell the truth to the world. So far the international community have been watching the Tamils die rather than putting pressure on Sri Lanka. The civilians who left the rebel areas and went to the army controlled areas were surrounded and put in Nazi style concentration camps. Sri Lanka is hiding its atrocities by not allowing the any independent journalists to the war zone. Sri Lankan government has no intension bringing a peaceful solution to the ethnic problem. Their view is military solution. They are least worried about winning the hearts and minds of Tamils.

Thank you again for the article.

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**pr292**

If this is a war of Liberation as the sinhalese government says then why have they not offered a political souldtion for 60 years.

Why did they tear up the B-C and D-C pacts with the Tamils?

Why do they not except the TULF 1977 manifesto that clearly states that the tamil people want Tamil Eelam.

The sinhalese governemnt can not change the fact that the Tamil people voted for a seperate state and thus do not want to live with Sinhalese in the Kandian Kingdom.

If Sri lanka is so accepting why is the National flag so discrimatory to the Tamils and Muslims? Why is the Nation is symbolised by the Kandyan Kingdom and not by Sri lanka as a whole?

Why is it that Forseka says it is a buddhist state and miorities should not ask for equal rights.

Why did the Government destroy the 13th ammendment when it came to power and then said it was the solution?

The constant betrayal by the Sinhalese majority is the reason for this conflict and not the LTTE as the first act of violence was in the 1940's when sinhala mobs killed their tamil neighbours without remorse.

The Tamil people have not even heard an official appology for these early acts of genocide. Even the Germans as a country appologised to the Jews, yet acts of babarism is celebrated by the sihalese.

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**vijaya**

Dear Mr.Lakshitha, are you one of the 'comical Alis' mentioned above? We can very well see how you manage your own affairs; by mass murder. Oh yes, we can see you manage your business of murder very well indeed...

Thank you, Mr.Nixon. It's high time some one spoke the truth. Keep up the good and honest work.

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**indr4n**

Richard,
Thank you for your honest comments.

I have lived through 1983 riots in Colombo and seen first hand what the struggle for freedom means. Not only that even struggled to live a normal life in the north with prison like feeling mentally affecting the people. Some youngsters do not even know what freedom / democratic right means.

Now it has been well established that LTTE = Tamils and vice versa. Therefore is SRILANKAN GENOCIDAL GOVERNMENT is going to take their "war on terror" to all the countries in the world and kill the Tamils?

Once again I thank you sincerely for your article.

Indr4n.

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**Gobi**

Thanks for at least letting the world know what is true. It is regrettable that you all waited to massacre 1000s of Tamil people before you bring out the truth. We were crying all the time to save human lives. No body listened.....We have been outside the British parliament to cry all our live. We could not sleep all these days.

Please bring out the truth and save remaining people.

RICHARD please continues to tell the truth to the world. Your work may save some people.....Tamils will always respect you in their heart

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**nagalingam**

Thank you very much for all the informative information that you have been writing . it has been extremely good.

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Thank You Richard for pointing the Sri lankan government's real face . I am really impressed by the clause "Voice for the Voiceless". Yes it is very true. We Tamils doubt about the International community..everyone knows what is happening in SriLanka but none is ready to take action. We are raising our voice in so many ways no use..yes as you said our voice is voiceless. 30 years back in Sri Lanka many

Vasuki Tamils have raised their concern without violent but government didn't listen to them and the younger Tamil generation forcefully made to take arms in hand. Today again its going 30 years back.

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cherry

A balanced view of the Sri Lankan situation... Well done Richard Dixon. Keep up your great work and bring out the truth. "Voice for voiceless", you are doing it :) Keep it up!

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